



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, 28th February 2018

Week 4 of Term 1

Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi kia koutou katoa, Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children

Partnerships for Learning

Research and common sense tells us - the more effective the communication and partnership between home and school the more likely we are to have success with achievement and wellbeing of our children. In the **Successful Home-School Partnerships** research done by NZCER there were six key factors to effective partnerships;

1. Relationships in successful home–school partnerships are collaborative and mutually respectful.
2. Successful partnerships are multi-dimensional, and responsive to community needs.
3. Successful home–school partnerships are planned for; embedded within whole school development plans; well resourced and regularly reviewed.
4. Successful partnerships are goal oriented and focused on learning.
5. Effective parental engagement happens largely at home.
6. There is timely two-way communication between school and parents in successful partnerships.

We are working on how we can enhance our current partnerships, especially in the area of learning. This term we are running a teacher/syndicate evening with whanau. The focus of this is to share how we run our classroom and syndicate programmes. This is also an opportunity for you to ask us questions.

At this evening we will be handing out information sheets for your child and you to tell us about our learners. We value your input and the more information you can share with us to enhance our teaching and learning programmes the better. For the parents who can't make that meeting on Tuesday 6th March we will give the information sheets out to your child on Wednesday 7th to bring home.

Goal Setting

Later in the term we have goal setting on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th April. For our older students this will be a 3 way conference in which they will take a lead role. These sessions will focus on setting realistic and achievable goals for each child and how we support them to achieve.

We will let you know how and when you can start booking goal setting times.

With these three upcoming learning conversations/events, we are striving to continue to build successful partnerships for all of our learners.

Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 6th March

Come and find out more about how the classes work. There will be three combined class meetings.

- 5.30pm - Year 1- 3 classes- Ngaio, Mahoe, Ti Kouka, Rimu and Harakeke
(Jos Abernethy, Nicola O'Halloran, Monica Mercury, Jill Holmstead, Michelle Pontifex and Rekha Tiwari)
- 6.10pm - Year 4 classes – Pohutukawa and Kowhai
(Sophia Bridgwater and Stephanie Bosch)
- 6.40pm - Year 5 & 6 classes - Rata, Nikau and Rata
(Lara Nemet, Matt Titcombe, Louise Conwell and Peter Holmstead)



CHANGE OF DAY FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The newsletter will be published on a **Thursday** from now on. We are changing days so we can capture timely information from our staff and syndicate meetings each week.

At Houghton Valley School we use HAKAMA to help us guide our learning, teaching and behaviour. We hope that Houghton Valley School is a place where the environment and the people in it are cherished and respected.

Happy in our learning, teaching and interactions with one another.

Active in our learning in and out of the classroom.

Engaged in the learning process and aware of our own learning needs.

Wondering by asking questions, seeking answers and showing an interest in the world around us.

Achieving by doing our best in whatever we do and feeling success in our learning.

Inclusive by creating a learning community where we are open to new ideas and celebrating diversity.

Beach Trip

A BIG thank you to all the adults who walked, supervised, played and braved the water. The children had an amazing time. We greatly appreciate your time and support as we can't do these events without you! Congratulations to Piwakawaka Whanau for winning the 'Waka' sandcastle competition. There was a lot of excellent mahi tahi and whanautanga happening in the whanau groups.



Congratulations



Move-a-thon

*Congratulations to Home and School for organising a great event!
It was lovely to see such committed and enthusiastic participants.*



Property Update:

Today is the 28th and you will have noticed we haven't moved back in YET. The big move is happening on Friday morning so if you want to help move furniture from 8.15am-9.00am please feel welcome to come and help us.

Ngā mihi kia koutou katoa

Luana Carroll, Te Tumuaki – Principal



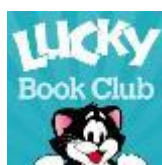
TERM EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 26 th -4 th March		Year 5 and 6 Trip to Waka Odyssey	Year 4 Trip to Museum of City and Sea	Home & School Meeting 7pm in the staffroom	Rooms 3 and 4 move back in their classrooms
Week 5 5 th -9 th March		Meet the teacher meetings in Syndicates/Year groups- Years 1-3 - 5.30-6.00pm Year 4 - 6.10-6.30pm Years 5-6 6.40-7.00pm			Powhiri for new tamariki and tumuaki at 11.30am
Week 6 12 th -16 th March					
Week 7 19 th -23 rd March	BOT meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom			Union meetings for teachers - <i>school will be open as normal</i>	
Week 8 26 th -30 th March					<i>Easter Holidays</i>
Week 9 2 nd -6 th April	<i>Easter Holidays</i>	<i>Easter Holidays</i> Kelly Club Holiday Program @ HVS	Goal Setting	Goal Setting	
Week 10 9 th -13 th April		BOT meeting at 7.30pm in the staffroom			End of term 1 Performance Assembly

HVS POWHIRI FOR NEW STAFF AND FAMILIES ON FRIDAY 9TH MARCH 2018 AT 11:30AM

This occasion will be to formally welcome our Tumuaki hou - new Principal, Luana Carroll and the new staff and families that have started this term.

LIBRARY



Scholastic Book Club.....

Have arrived. Please ensure your child has a clean recyclable bag to put their books in when they collect them from the Library.

There will be a new catalogue at the beginning of each term.

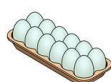
Thank you very much for your orders. Joanna



HVS CHICKENS, GUMBOOTS & EGGS



Gumboots! Do you have any old gumboots lying around at home that we could keep at school for the chicken farmers to wear during the week? They would need to fit Year 5 and 6 children. If you do please contact Louise.



We need help with feeding and watering the chickens during the weekends - if you are able to take a weekend please email Louise with the weekend you are able to do. This would involve popping down to school Saturday and Sunday to check their water and food situation and hopefully collect any eggs ☺

We also have eggs to sell, so if you would like to go on the list to buy a dozen for \$8 email Louise.

louise@houghton.school.nz

KELLY CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM
TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2018 (EASTER TUESDAY)



Kelly Club will be running an Easter Holiday Programme at Houghton Valley School. Join us for Easter themed Games, Crafts, Sports, Baking and Discovery activities. Book through our website kellyclub.co.nz or contact Helen for more details:

houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz OR 022 010 9981

Full Day 8am-6pm: \$50. **School Day** 9-3:30: \$40. **Half day** 9am-12:30pm or 12:30pm-3:30pm: \$30.

HOME AND SCHOOL INFO

Home & School - First Meeting of 2018 - Tomorrow Thursday 01 March

Home and School meetings are open to all parents. Meetings are generally scheduled for the first Thursday of the month during term time. The next meeting is Thursday 01 March, 7pm in the staffroom. It is the first meeting of the year, so there will be cheese and wine to celebrate the beginning of a new year and entice you along!

The meetings are a great opportunity to find out more about what is going on in the community, and how you can get involved if you wish - we would love to see you there!

New H&S Secretary

We have a new Secretary to Home and School, big welcome to Megan Taylor, and thanks to Susan Hall who filled the role in the last year.

Home & School AGM Coming Up - Beginning of April

We hold the annual Officer Elections at the AGM, for those people interested in the taking on the:

Chairperson role please contact Chris Taylor - homeandschoolchair@houghton.school.nz

Treasurer role please contact Monique McDougall - homeandschooltreasurer@houghton.school.nz

If you are interested in either role get in touch & nominations can be sent through to the Megan our new Secretary homeandschoolsecretary@houghton.school.nz. It would be great for some other community members to take on these roles this year, support will be on hand for all incoming officers from the outgoing officers.

AGM Date TBA - we are currently working through a date clash with the school - it will be in the parent calendar at the end of the week.



HVS H&S Moveathon/Picnic - New York to Montreal in 3 hours!!!

Thanks for all those who turned out for the 2018 Moveathon on Sunday.....the children pedalled hard and had heaps of fun, we had some PB's broken from last year, tons of laps, watermelon and ice cream - what an effort! All the funds raised contribute to keeping the bike fleet on the tarmac for another year.

The total distance covered by our approximately 30 energetic children on Sunday in 1240 laps was 533.20 km - almost the distance of Wellington to Auckland at 640km and exactly the distance from New York to Montreal, which takes about seven hours to drive in a car - all hail the power of the team!!!

Prizes!

We had some great giveaways on the day that were donated by Bicycle Junction, Avanti Plus, Micro Scooters, and Bike Barn - Big thanks to these guys and girls for their support of their local community.

Prizes were for the most unique mode of transport and the biggest distance travelled by age group. The prize for the most money raised will be announced - when all the sponsorship money is in and counted - Watch this spaceship!

Funds Collection

Raised funds can be dropped into the office with Denise (in an envelope please!), or deposited into the

HVS Home & School Account: 12-3481-0049991-00. Please put MOVEATHON as a reference.

Big Thanks

To Karen Parr and Anna Ririnui, Johanna and Pete for the music, all the volunteers on the day, and especially to the 'movers!' - Great effort - thank you!



Check out the school website & H&S Facebook page for more Moveathon images.

Chris Taylor on behalf of HVS Home and School Association

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Kids Go Free at Staglands – Children's Day Sunday 4th March 2018 Checkout the website www.staglands.co.nz



Pippins
5 - 6 years

Pippins Join the fun...at Pippins - Being a Pippin with GirlGuiding NZ is a very popular choice for 5 and 6 year old girls and it is great to be able to offer the opportunity to more girls to join our unit in Island Bay at St Hilda's Church from 6-7pm on a Tuesday night. If you have a 5 or 6 year old daughter who likes to have fun then contact Dianna on ph: 383 7518 or email meates21@gmail.com or see Denise in the school office.

Island Bay Scouts - Cubs now have spaces for 8 to 10 year old girls and boys. They meet Thursday evenings at 6.30pm for exploration, adventure and learning! There are already both boys and girls going from HVS. Contact Paul Weston (leader) for more info: pweston@outlook.co.nz.

Capital Trout Centre Open Day - Sunday 4th March 2018 - SPECIAL OPEN DAY Children must have a licence to fish for trout and free licences/tickets are available from Monday 19th February 2018 at the following stores:- Steve's Fishing Shop, 49 Ghuznee Street (off Cuba Mall) Hutt Valley Hunting & Fishing, 444 Cuba Street, Lower Hutt The Centre is located behind the WCC Administration buildings on the way to the Wellington City Council Southern Landfill, on Landfill Road, Happy Valley, Wellington and is open to the public on specific days. Children do not have to bring any gear as Club members will assist children to catch a trout on fly fishing tackle. As the Centre is manned and maintained by volunteers we rely on donations to cover our expenses of purchasing the fish from the hatcheries, fish food and general maintenance. Contact: Strato 387 7878 (wk) 386 3740 (hm)

SCHOOL ABSENCES

If your child will be late or not attending school for any reason please let the school know by the following options:

- Logon to HVS website www.houghton.school.nz – click "Contacts" then "Report an Absence" enter data and give a reason.
- Call the school and leave a message and reason on the school answerphone 939-3318
- Or email admin@houghton.school.nz and teacher with a reason.



We keep track of all children and if they are not accounted for, then we ring the parent/caregivers. A reason for absence is helpful.

Bee Healthy Dental Clinic • 0800 825 583

Ezlunch.co.nz • Thursdays • Sushi – go online to www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order

• Fridays • NEW Pita Pit – go online www.ezlunch.co.nz before 9am to order

Kelly Club After School Care • Helen- Cell 022 010 9981 or email houghtonvalley@kellyclub.co.nz

Houghton Valley School Website: www.houghton.school.nz **Ph: 939-3318**

Principal Email: principal@houghton.school.nz **School Office Email:** admin@houghton.school.nz